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DPSCS and Maryland to Host 12th National Workshop On Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders October 20-24 in Baltimore

TOWSON, MD (October 15, 2007)---The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) will co-host the 12th National Workshop on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders October 20-24 at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards.

This year, DPSCS will be well represented with several leaders among the conference presenters, including Warden Brenda Shell of the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCI-W) and David Blumberg, Chairman of the Maryland Parole Commission. Warden Shell is co-chair of this year's conference. MCI-W's vast array of re-entry programs will be the topic of a Tuesday seminar hosted by a group of MCI-W re-entry experts.

Maryland currently has approximately 1,100 sentenced women offenders in MCI-W and at the Baltimore Pre-Release Unit For Women. In addition, DPSCS is responsible for female adult and juvenile detainees awaiting adjudication in the City of Baltimore. These offenders are under the auspices of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services.

This year's conference will feature a broad range of seminar topics, including intensive study of evidence-based research on female offenders. The conference is hosted by DPSCS and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, and co-sponsored by the Maryland Criminal Justice Association and the Association on Programs for Female Offenders.

Maryland's First Lady, Judge Katherine Curran O'Malley, will give the welcome address on Monday, October 22nd at 8:45 a.m. On Tuesday, Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy will deliver opening remarks.

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